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Idaho January Red Meat Production Down 15 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for January 2010 totaled 17.4 million pounds, down 15 percent from January of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.92 billion pounds in January, down 6 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in January 2009. Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.71 million head, down slightly from January 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.6 million pounds, 3 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,800 head, 2 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 238 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.81 billion pounds, 11 percent below the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.90 million head, 10 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was 3 percent below January 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,600 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 3 pounds from January a year ago.

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